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In re Application of: )  
Atsushi Masuda )  
Serial No. To Be Assigned )  
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For: Shutter-Driving Device Combined with )  
a Diaphragm )

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication Nos. 2001-281725 and 2000-310803 disclose a shutter using a blade which slides in a plane orthogonal to an optical axis.

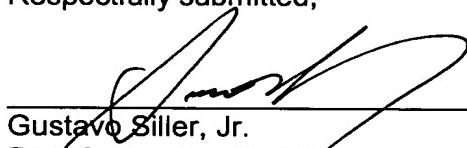
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## **REFERENCE DESIGNATION**

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	A1	2001-281725	10/2001	Japan		X
	A2	2000-310803	11/2000	Japan		X

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